SEVENTY-TWO MET DEATH

Awful Catastrophe at Calumet, Michigan, at a Christmas Tree Celebration

A despatch from Calumet, Michigan, says: On the day which throughout all Christendom is set aside as a day of rejoicing over the birth of the Saviour, Calumet, stricken to the heart by an almost unbelievable catastrophe, stands mourning by the side of its dead, the 72 victims (most of whom were children) of the frightful panic on Christmas eve in the Italian hall. This panic followed a false alarm cry of fire during the progress of a Christmas tree entertainment arranged for families of the copper strikers. To-day the people of Calumet see their neighbors, their brothers, their sisters and their little children staggering under an almost unbearable burden of distress and grief.

The authorities have so far been unable to trace a man who is said to have gone up the stairs of the Italian hall and raised the cry of fire, which is supposed to have started the panic which led to the fearful crush in the stairway and caused the death of the nearly four score men, women and children. There seems to be little hope he will be apprehended. The other theory that the cry of fire originated within the hall was substantiated on Thursday by Matt Sart, a striker, who lost his son in the disaster. He declared the cry came from a group of men and women toward the front of the hall.

A fourteen-year-old girl who died on Thursday morning brought the official list of dead up to 72. All have now been identified. Five injured are in the hospitals, all of whom, it is said, will live. Three little girls in the Calumet and Hecla hospitals were able on Thursday to be up and about, and they romped around the Christmas tree set up for the patients unaware of the fate which had overtaken some of their brothers and sisters and the father of one of them.

A boy of seven or eight years of age who was taken to one of the morgues showed signs of life soon after, but no restoratives and no physician were immediately available and death ensued. One couple entered the town hall where all the bodies had been gathered to look for their missing child. Their hopes ran high when they had looked at seventy of the bodies and failed to find their loved one, but the last body they viewed, the seventy-first, was that of the missing one.

Members of the Calumet fire department relate many instances of heroic attempts to rescue the panic-stricken people in the hall. Patrick Ryan arrived on the scene a few minutes after the crush occurred at the foot of the stairway. He estimated there were about 100 piled on top of each other when he reached the entrance of the building.

Many tales of the fierceness of the crush during the height of the crush during the height of the panic were told. One man was seen to stoop to pick up his little daughter, only to be pushed on and forced to trample her beneath him. A woman who ran to the aid of three small boys was crushed to death with them.

When the rush began a woman went to the piano and began playing. Another woman stood in the centre of the stage, on which the Christmas tree had been erected, and started to sing. Their efforts to quell the panic were futile, as they were not heard above the tumult.

Matti Kotzjarvi, wife and two daughters, were all killed. Christian Klarich and his two daughters were crushed to death, but Mrs. Klarich managed to escape. A large number of families lost two or more children. More than fifty of the dead were under ten years of age.

Mrs. A. Niemela, one of the victimes, was suffocated while standing up. John Burrill, a fireman, who witnessed her death, took a six-months-old infant from her arms and carried it to safety. Leonard Wilman, another fireman, pushed his way into the stairway and took out a crying boy of six uninjured. Near him his mother and sister lay dead. An eleven-year-old boy rescued his brother of nine by carrying him down a ladder. Another child, thrown out of a window by a frantic father, was caught in the arms of an onlooker. Another father killed his boy by falling on him, and he, too, perished.

DISTRICT OFFICER'S WORK

Sanitary Surveys Have Been Completed for Twenty-eight Municipalities

A despatch from Toronto says: Thirty-five thousand miles of travel in 12 months is the modest record of Dr. R. E. Wodehouse, district officer of health for the great area that makes up Northern Ontario. Dr. Wodehouse's report to the Provincial Board of Health for the year contains striking testimony to the efficient work the new district officers are doing in exercising general supervision over the public health. The territory embraced in district seven, over which Dr. Wodehouse has charge, embraces Manitoulin, Algoma, Thunder Bay, Kenora, Rainy River and Patricia, or half the area of the whole province. The district officer travelled 35,552 miles at an expense of $1,237.

In carrying out his share of the work of preparing a sanitary survey of the province, Dr. Wodehouse made detailed sanitary survey reports of the 28 organized municipalities in his district and made 129 official visits to various centres of population. He visited all slaughter-houses in the district, made them comply with the strict sanitary provisions of the law, and secured the removal of insanitary buildings at several points.

"One set of open sewers were changed, while three hotels and three railways at five divisional points have been ordered to instal sewage treatment plants," says the report.

Chlorination of water has been instituted, upon order, at the "Soo," Port Arthur, Kenora, Fort Frances and Rainy River.

The report states that one camp of the Public Works Road Department was closed, but compliance was so tardy that two cases of typhoid developed.

In addition to their other work, the district officers do a great deal of lecturing upon health matters, Dr. Wodehouse having held 26 public meetings in 16 days, addressing nearly 6,000 people.

DRUGS ARE DANGEROUS

Inland Revenue Department Issues Warning Against Headache Powders

A despatch from Ottawa says: A bulletin issued by the Inland Revenue Department on "headache powders" calls public attention to the fact that "there can be no doubt that harm is done by the indiscriminate use of headache powders." After noting that headache is merely a symptom of something wrong, and not in itself a disease that can be treated by a "cure," the bulletin adds:

"The drugs to which the efficiency of these headache powders is due are powerful heart depressants, and are capable under certain conditions of producing fatal results, while under most conditions they must do harm."

Nearly all of the 171 samples analyzed contained acetanilide, or phenacetin, and are so marked under the regulations in regard to the patent medicine act. The amount of acetanilide present in most of the powders exceeds three grains, which is the limit of dosage prescribed by the British pharmacopoeia.

"No doubt," says the bulletin, "serious results would more frequently follow their use were it not that they contain other drugs, usually caffeine, which act as stimulants of the heart. A little reflection should convince the consumer of these powders that he is taking great liberties with his health and life."

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad

Breadstuffs.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Flour, Ontario wheat flour, 90 per cent., $3.50 to $3.55, seaboard, and at $3.50, Toronto. Manitobas—First patents, in jute bags, $5.30; do., seconds, $4.80; strong bakers, in jute bags, $4.60.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, 92 1-2c, Bay ports, and a cent more for storage at Goderich, and No. 2 at 90 1-2c, Bay ports.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 wheat at 84 to 85c, outside.

Oats—No. 2 Ontario oats, 34 1-2 to 35c, outside, and at 38 to 38 1-2c, on track, Toronto. Western Canada oid oats, 40 1-2c for No. 2 and 39c for No. 3, Bay ports.

Peas—$1 to $1.05 outside.

Barley—Good malting barley, 55 to 56c, outside.

Corn—New No. 3, American, 73 1-2c, all rail, Toronto.

Rye—No. 2 at 65 to 66c, outside.

Buckwheat—70c, outside.

Bran—Manitoba bran, $21 to $21.50 a ton, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, $22.50, Toronto.

Country Produce.

Butter—Choice dairy, 23 to 24c; inferior, 20 to 21c; farmers' separator prints, 2- to 26c; creamery prints, 30 to 31c; solids, 28 to 29c; storage prints, 27 to 28c; do., solids, 26 to 26 1-2c.

Eggs—Case lots of new-laid, 45 to 48c per dozen; selects, 37 to 38c, and storage, 32 to 35c per dozen.

Cheese—New cheese, 14 1-2 to 14 3-4c for large, and 15c for twins.

Beans—Hand-picked, $2.20 to $2.25 per bushel; primes, $2 to $2.10.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb. for No. 1; combs, $3 to $3.25 per dozen for No. 1 and $2.40 to $2.50 for No. 2.

Poultry—Fowl, 11 to 12c per lb.; chickens, 16 to 17c; ducks, 13 to 15c; geese, 12 to 15c; turkeys, 19 to 22c.

Potatoes—Ontarios, 80 to 85c per bag, on track, and Delawares at 90c.

Provisions.

Bacon—Long clear, 16c per lb., in case lots. Pork—Short cut, $28.50; do., mess, $24.50. Hams—Medium to light, 19 1-2 to 20c; heavy, 19c; rolls, 15 1-2 to 16; breakfast bacon, 19 to 20c; backs, 22 to 24c.

Lard—Tierces, 13 3-4 to 14c; tubs, 14 to 14 1-4c; pails, 14 1-4 to 14 1-2c.

Baled Hay and Straw.

Baled hay—No. 1 at $14.50 to $15 a ton, on track here; No. 2 at $13 to $13.50, and mixed at $12 to $12.50.

Baled straw—Car lots, $8.50 to $8.75, on track, Toronto.

Winnipeg Grain.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Cash:—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 82 1-2c; No. 2 Northern, 79 1-4c; No. 3 Northern, 77c; No. 4, 77 1-4c; No. 5, 66 1-2c; No. 6, 62 1-2c; No. 1 rejected seeds, 76 1-2c; No. 2 rejected seeds, 74 1-2c; No. 1 smutty, 76 1-2c; No. 2 smutty, 74 1-2c; No. 1 red Winter, 82 1-4c; No. 2 red Winter, 80c; No. 3 red Winter, 78c. Oats—No. 2 C.W., 33 5-8c; No. 2 feed, 30c. Barley—No. 3, 41 1-2c; No. 4, 39 1-2c; rejected, 37 1-2c; feed, 37c. Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., $1.22 1-4; No. 2 C.W., $1.20 1-8.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal, Dec. 30—Oats—Canadian Western, No 2, 41 1-2 to 42c; do., No. 3, 40 1-2 to 41c. Barley—Man. feed, 48 to 50c; malting, 64 to 66c. Buckwheat, No. 2, 56 to 57c. Flour—Man. Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.40; seconds, $4.90; strong bakers', $4.70; Winter patents, choice, $4.75 to $5; straight rollers, $4.50 to $4.60; do., bags, $2 to $2.10. Rolled oats—Barrels, $4.40 to $4.50; do., bags, 90 lbs., $2.10 to $2.12 1-2. Bran, $20 to $21. Shorts, $22 to $23. Middlings, $25 to $26. Mouillie, $27 to $31. Hay, No. 2, per ton, car lots, $13.50 to $15. Cheese—Finest westerns, 13 3-4 to 14c; finest easterns, 13 1-4 to 13 1-2c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 28 1-2 to 29c; seconds, 28 to 28 1-4c. Eggs—Fresh, 55 to 60c; selected, 38c; No. 1 stock, 34c; No. 2 stock, 26c. Potatoes, per bag, car lots, 75 to 85c.

United States Markets.

Minneapolis, Dec. 30.—Wheat—December, 83 5-8c; May, 87 to 87 1-8c; No. 1 hard, 87 1-8 to 87 5-8c; No. 1 Northern, 84 7-8 to 85 5-8c; No. 2 Northern, 82 7-8 to 84 5-8c; No. 3 wheat, 80 7-8 to 81 5-8c. Corn, No. 3 yellow, 59 1-2 to 60c; No. 3 white oats, 36 1-2 to 36 3-4c. Flour—$2.50 for second clear to $4.85 for fancy patents.

Duluth, Dec. 30—Linseed, $1.40 1-8; December, $1.45 5-8; May, $1.51 1-8. Close—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 86 5-8c; No. 1 Northern, 85 5-8c; No. 2 Northern, 83 5-8 to 84 1-8c; Montana, No. 2 hard, 85 5-8c; December, 83 1-4c; May, 87 5-8 to 87 3-4c.

Live Stock Markets.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Choice butchers, $7.75 to $8; good medium, $6.50 to $7.25; common, $5 to $5.50; cows, $4.50 to $7.25; common cows, $3.50 to $4; butchers' bulls, $3.75 to $7.25; canners and cutters, $3.50 to $4. Calves—Good veal, $8.75 to $11; common, $4.75 to $5.10. Stockers and feeders—Steers, 910 to 1,050 lbs., $6 to $6.75; good quality, 800 lbs., $4.50 to $5.25; light, $3.50 to $5.50. Sheep and lambs—Light ewes, $5.50 to $6; heavy, $3 to $3.50; bucks, $3 to $3.50; spring lambs, $8.50 to $9, but with 75c per head deducted for all the buck lambs. Hogs—$9.10 fed and watered, $9.10 off cars, and $8.40 to $8.50 f.o.b.

TWO TRAINMEN KILLED.

Six Others Injured When Locomotive Exploded.

A despatch from St. Thomas says: Fireman J. Thorp, of Fort Erie, and an unidentified man were killed on Thursday morning when the boiler of a G.T.R. Wabash engine exploded. The accident happened about six o'clock while the locomotive was returning light to the Buffalo yards. Engineer Nicholas J. Curran, of St. Thomas, had a miraculous escape. He was thrown from the cab, but while severely scalded is expected to be all right again in a few days. F. Clark, brakeman of St. Thomas, and W. R. Cameron, of Windsor, were injured by escaping steam, and W. Lohr, A. Schultz, and W. B. Bartell, switchmen on the Erie Railway, who were close by, were hit by flying debris.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

Through Trains Will Be Running in 1915, Says Vice-President.

A despatch from Vancouver says: "We expect to have steel laid into Prince George by January 10, and the track linked up right across the continent before the end of next May," announced Mr. Morley Donaldson, vice-president of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway system, who arrived on Tuesday morning en route to the north to conduct an inspection of the line from the Prince Rupert end. "We believe that the new Transcontinental will be ready for operation of through trains early in 1915," said Mr. Donaldson.

THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL.

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

Canada.

A Federal bankruptcy act is favored by Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, who will bring the matter before his colleagues.

The Dominion Government ordered the Brantford Gas Company to discontinue supplying gas from the Tilbury fields for domestic purposes.

George Kett, a lake sailor, whose parents had given him up for lost in the great storm of November 9, walked into their home at Harriston on Christmas Eve.

Chas. Byrnes of Napanee was seized with heart failure when about to descend stairs to the basement of a store, and, falling headlong, was picked up dead.

Traffic through the St. Mary's Falls Canals for 1913 increased 10 per cent. over the freight record of 1912, and the increase in grain was 63 per cent., or more than 43 million bushels.

Justice Charboneau in Montreal annulled the marriage of John Thomas Baker with Dame Eveline Emily McCloy Adams, as she represented herself to be a widow while having a husband living.

Great Britain.

The British Royal family spent Christmas quietly at Sandringham.

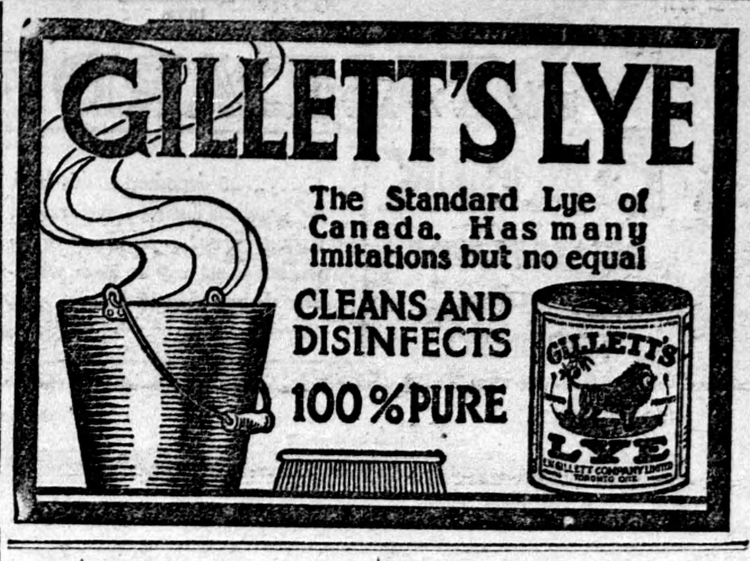
Important alterations in the Bisley regulations have been recommended by General Sir C. W. Douglas.

The Economist of London severely censures the Foreign Office for its action regarding the Panama Fair.

United States.

Another movement has begun at Washington to suspend coastwise exemption in the Panama Canal.

A Swiss aviator, Bider, flew across the Alps from Buc to Berne in five hours.



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LIABILITIES

TO THE PUBLIC:		
Notes of the Bank in circulation		$13,176,634 69
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date	$101,900,790 87	
Deposits not bearing interest	36,276,871 60	
		138,177,662 47
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	$ 405,669 90	
Deposits by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	1,649,466 73	
		2,055,136 63
Bills Payable		990,899 59
Acceptances under Letters of Credit		361,106 66
		$154,761,440 04
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:		
Capital Stock Paid-up		11,560,000 00
Reserve Fund	$12,560,000 00	
Balance of Profits carried forward	1,015,119 58	
		13,575,119 58
Dividend No. 105 (at 12% per annum), payable Dec. 1st, 1913	$ 346,800 00	
Dividends Unclaimed	3,426 11	
		350,226 11
		$180,246,785 73

ASSETS

Current Gold and Silver Coin	$ 7,802,067 72	
Dominion Government Notes	11,664,142 00	
	$19,466,209 72	
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves	2,000,000 00	
Deposit with Dominion Government for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	578,000 00	
Notes of other Banks	2,576,878 07	
Cheques on other Banks	6,566,249 32	
Due by other Banks in Canada	1,160 12	
Due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	3,603,452 05	
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value	1,127,312 91	
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value	2,081,533 53	
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value	14,565,306 32	
Call and Short Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	9,002,193 01	
Call and Short Loans elsewhere than in Canada	10,817,496 66	
		72,335,791 71
Loans to Provincial Governments	$ 247,435 89	
Loans to Cities, Towns, Municipalities and School Districts	3,686,624 08	
Other Current Loans and Discounts (less rebate of interest)	98,606,925 14	
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for)	175,673 57	
		$102,716,658 68
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off		4,783,228 68
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra		361,106 66
		$180,246,785 73

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1912	$ 610,219 36	
Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management and all other expenses, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills	2,142,100 22	
		$2,752,319 58
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:		
Dividends Nos. 102, 103, 104 and 105, at 12 per cent. per annum	$1,387,200 00	
Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund	100,000 00	
Written Off Bank Premises Account	250,000 00	
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	1,015,119 58	
		$2,752,319 58

EDSON L. PEASE,
General Manager.